

July 31, 1950.

Dear Mother Miriam of Jesus:

May the Immaculate Heart of our Bl. Mother during her month of August help you efficaciously to attain greater humility and simplicity in your dealings with your superior. The more you sink in humility the greater your peace of soul. In your capacity and your circumstances Our Lord demands from you an ever-increasing humility. So ask for this virtue and for the grace of never being cowardly in expressing or manifesting to your superior what you think is best according to your conscience. When some novice manifests to you in sincerity her condition of soul, you are not only not bound to declare it to Mother Superior, but you should not do so. Anything contrary to this is anti-canonical. What you know from the account of conscience from your novices must remain always quasi-sacramental secrecy. That is the way is commanded by the Church.

In regard to your vow of perfection, you can renew it and make it till the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel next year. Be always in a very happy disposition, without giving way in the least to any sadness or disturbance. This happy disposition will prevent many little things from harming you, little things that in community life, especially in the cloistered life, seem like mountains when they really are so very small.

Pardon my shortness, because I don't have time to spare.

Commending myself to your prayers,

Your spiritual Father in the Immaculate Heart,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.P.

Mother Miriam of Jesus, D.C.,
Carmel of St. Joseph,
3361 E. Ocean Blvd.,
Long Beach 3, Calif.

Saint Patrick Academy
Mokenca, Illinois

J.M.J.

July 2, 1950.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

This will be just a short note to ask for a special memento in your prayers during our retreat which begins next Saturday, July 8, and closes on July 16. I am scheduled to make this retreat here in Mokenca. I feel the need of special prayers so that this retreat may be for me all that God wishes it to be and that I may refuse Him nothing. When I heard who it was who was to give the retreat in Beaverville, I felt I would much rather make it there - yet, since this seems to be His Will, I feel that He will be here for me. May I count on your prayers?

I prayed much for you while you were on your trip. I hope that it was a very holy and happy one for you. What a thrill you must have had at the canonization of your saintly Founder. Your visit in Spain must have had its sorrow - since your dear Mother was not there to meet you, yet it must have been a consolation to pray at her grave.

I would appreciate your offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions enclosed. Perhaps during the retreat, I can write to you - yet I do not wish to disturb you as I know you must have had many things waiting for you on your return. I offered a special triduum of Masses, Communions, and days of prayer, work and sacrifice for you for your feast day. I trust that it was a happy one. You know something of what the year has been for me - I wish I could tell ~~that~~ you that everything is all right now - that I cannot do. I beg your blessing and your prayers. Sr. M. Mediatrix is back in K.K.K. but is still very ill. She has suffered much and still is. Too bad you could not have seen her. We had hoped you might stop off.

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

Pray for me, for I have felt it many times -
I wish that you would direct me - The theme for
our retreat was union with God - just what I
want, but I don't seem to get there -

Thank you again for everything, Father

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Sister Mary Nail



July 2, 1950

Dear Father,

Thank you very much for taking care of my Mass offerings - I appreciate it very much -

I am so happy that you had such a wonderful trip, and thank you for praying for Andrew, my brother - He was quite angry when I wrote him your first message and still is! I don't know how he will take this second one, but I sent it anyway because you told me to - I think it is a good sign that he gets so up-set - If he didn't feel guilty, he wouldn't care - He is moving to Chicago this summer, so my other brother told me - I doubt if he will see me before he goes - I can only pray and trust - I am sure the Blessed Mother will do something -

The retreat was wonderful. Our Lord was so good to me - I am always afraid of slipping back - How can I "tie" myself to Him? I know you

Galdácano a 3 de Julio del 50.

R. P. Juan Luis de Ellacuría.
Queridísimo tío:

A pesar de que no tenemos tus noticias directamente, las hemos tenido por medio de tío Josechu, pues nos ha escrito diciendo cómo habías llegado felizmente a tu residencia de Los Angeles, de lo que nos alegramos infinitamente, pues aquí se armó un pequeño revuelo en la familia cuando el día 15 o 16 cayó algún avión de la ruta de Londres. Me he tomado la libertad de escribirte, ya que aunque sólo sea por correspondencia se me hace larga tu ausencia. No quiero con ello acelerar los acontecimientos ya que todo ha de llevar su ritmo en la vida.

D. Domingo pregunta mucho por ti; si has escrito, qué tal estás, etc. También preguntan aquellos, a los que darte la bendición. Los regalos siguen llamando poderosamente la atención, pues son la admiración de cuantos los ven.

Estarás ansioso saber mis notas; ¿verdad? No sé si por desgracia o por fortuna me ha quedado pendiente aquella ariguatura de motores. Todos y, poniéndote a ti en primer lugar, ya que conozco tu deseo de ir avanzando, he venido rogado a Dios, pero cuando Él me ha suspendido hay alguna razón poderosa por medio. Personalmente he rogado en todas

mis oraciones por los exámenes pero; ¿quién sabe si esto ha de servir de expiación de mis culpas, o si en esta época del verano tan propicia al pecado hubiere succumbido?; y el Señor me ha puesto esto, para que me sirva de estímulo y acicate conservando así mi cantidad. Esta debo conservarla sólaente por amor a Él, pero somos tan frágiles, querido tío, que hasta en esto el Señor se ha apiadado de mí de tal forma que no sé cómo podré pagar tan alta consideración. Tengo todo un verano por delante para volver a prepararla y en septiembre, con tus oraciones y las de tío Josechu, estoy seguro de aprobarla, así como la reválida de noviembre. Nunca me cansaré de pedirte que me tengas presente en tus oraciones, aunque sé positivamente que ya lo haces.

El último día de mis exámenes, o sea el día 15 recibí tu atento telegrama, que me sirvió de bálsamo reparador a mi abatimiento.

Cuando contentes, hazlo, como te lo dije, lo más ampliamente posible ya que tendré sumo placer en leer todas y cada una de tus palabras.

Recibe el saludo cariñoso de tu familia de Galdácano y un fuerte abrazo de tu sobrino que te quiere y admira

Juan Luis

(Dominguez-July-3-1950)

Copia de la Relacion enviada al M.R.P.Provincial
sobre mis proyectos cientificos .

M.R. y amado P. en Jesus y María:

No quiero hacerle perder mucho tiempo. Daré a V.R. brevemente el informe que espera sobre mis planes de estudio sobre Espiritualidad. Para que resulte lo mas completo posible, en medio de su brevedad, permitame unos precedentes históricos.

Siempre fui entusiasta por las ciencias del espíritu, desde que conocí la transcendental importancia de las mismas. Tiempo ~~hizo~~ en que lucharon en mí dos tendencias: -El deseo de ir a las Misiones de Infieles, -y el de dedicarme con todas mis fuerzas a estudiar, de por vida, materias de espiritualidad. Todo lo cual dependía naturalmente de la Obediencia.

Al recibir el destino a Norte América, parece triunfó la idea segunda, y se me ocurrió: -Deberás dedicarte a estudiar y a comunicar la Vida Divina a las almas de América.... Te esforzarás cuanto puedas en dar forma y vida divinas a esa masa enorme de materialidad, para que todo conozca, ame y sirva a su Criador... Está muy próximo el tiempo en que la "Nueva Viña de América" produzca copiosos y hermosos frutos de Santidad... Y tu debes cooperar a ello.

Por algún tiempo creí que llenaría esta misión perdonando pecados. Porque era y es tal la idea que tengo de la Dirección y del Director Espiritual, que me sobrecogía al ocurrírseme la posibilidad de llegar a serlo, y lo he rehusado, por creermelo indigno e incapaz. Pero a pesar de todo, esta idea persiste más y más, y no me deja en paz. He pensado que será quizá una trampa del enemigo, o del amor propio, y que comunicándosela a V.R. desaparecería. Sin embargo reconozco que Dios ha estado obrando en mí de manera algo desusada y parece prometerme ayuda/. No será esta otra ilusion del enemigo?..

Dejando al discernimiento de V.R. el conocer lo que ello sea, me preocupan las siguientes consideraciones, que frecuentemente se me ocurren:

1)-Cada día se me presenta con mayor claridad la vida material y de sentidos que aquí viven la mayoría de los Católicos, aun los buenos. Y la misérrima vida espiritual de muchas lamas del Clero. Y la muy pobre de algunas almas Religiosas, y aun de bastantes Hijos del C. de Maria.

Y creo que no Superiores, ni sermones, ni pláticas, ni confesiones, ni exámenes.... son suficientes. ¿Remedio?... -El UNICO eficaz para solucionar esta grave situación es la DIRECCION ESPIRITUAL. Es afirmación bien probada por todos los Maestros de espíritu, entre los que contamos a nuestro Sto.P.Fundador y a los RRmmos.PP.Generales.

Si se quiere que la Santidad florezca. Si se quiere que las almas-Todas las almas deben-retornen a Dios y sean verdaderamente de EL, viviendo intensa y fecundamente la vida que les es propia, hasta lograr la muerte y transformación en esa VIDA, deben seguir el camino que la Providencia Ordinaria de Dios ha señalado: la DIRECCION ESPIRITUAL.

2)-Existen aquí, en America, muchas almas escogidas ansiosas de escalar las cimas más altas de la Perfección y Unión con Dios, sin que tengan, ni puedan encontrar quien las acompañe y ayude en ese duro caminar. Y los Escritores de cosas espirituales nos dicen bien claramente los peligros y caídas a que esas almas suelen estar expuestas....

Algunas de ellas con las que he tenido la fortuna de encontrarme en mis pocas salidas ministeriales, y a las que les he indicado lo que era el Director Espiritual y que procuraran buscarse uno bueno, me han agradecido muchísimo, pues nunca habian oído

M. J. F. C. C.

P. O. Box 363 - Lake Arrowhead
July 5-50 - Calif.

My Beloved Father,
I hardly know what to tell you
first - so much has transpired since I saw
you last - I am so happy you were able
to go abroad but sorry to learn of your
illness - evidently our dear Lord had
some very special reason -

Miss Flores was up here one day with
her friends - they were all very nice -
and I told her if the two girls wished
to return I would be happy to receive
them - she told me she would keep
the girls and if in any way she

in your and if in any way she could
help me, she would be glad to, if I would
let her know — I wrote her last week
because I was trying to raise the down
payment on the house but have not
heard from her —

All my friends have fallen
away — they do not write or call or
anything — Perhaps they think I have
leprosy or have turned communist!
What a price one has to pay to love
God — but even the disciples deserted

see dearest son in the garden
of olives — crosses and resurrection

our dearest Lord in the garden -
of Olives - Crosses and Persecution
are a pretty sure sign of God's love
and favor but its such a pity
that the greatest trials come from
those who claim to love God the
most - nuns, priests, and pious Catholics
I thank God for these trials because
I feel God really loves me and really
wants this foundation -

When I told the Bishop what
I was told by the arch Bishop and
what I felt our dear Lord wants

he was most gracious and kind
his only worry was that he could
not help us and we might go leaving
the following week He called Fr. Mike
and spoke about me, the foundation
etc — his only objection was the
fact we have no money — but
he told father, some of the
greatest orders and communities were
started just like this — no objections
so we are going on quietly and
planning to do just what the arch B.

told us to do - Bertha is on her
way from New York - another girl
will come soon and if your Mexican
girls want to come and start in
poverty and want - and many
sacrifices, they are welcome - it won't
be easy - but God will be with us
and hardships become light if we
remember we are living and loving
and suffering for him - to make
reparation to him and his blessed
mother and satisfy for the sins
of the world - by cheerful accept

of the world — by cheerfully accept-
ing the ups and downs of every
day, we may be able to save a
few poor souls and shorten the
time of this terrible strife

Will you please remember
Fr. Dace in the holy sacrifice. ~~has~~
has been very bad again — he
was just getting stronger after
his siege of pneumonia —
I had a letter from Alberta

the first, ^{since that day of leaving} after three months
I also got one from her mother.
Dolores does not know when
she will come, if ever, but has
not given up the idea, her sister
has just come home — tomorrow
I hope to make down payment on
house — God has manifested his
will in so many ways regarding
this place that I feel firmly
convinced it is where God wants
us — Fr. Mike is very lovely to

me — he is a fine priest — and
a hard worker — He, with an old
man and now a young boy, have
the wall almost to my door
by next week it will cross here
they hope to have shrine finished
by September — the statues
are supposed to be finished &
shipped from Portugal this
month —

Fr. & ant you say something
good in our favor to counteract

some of Rosalinda's false accusations
and the scathing remarks &
utter silence, which is sometimes
worse, where mention is made
of me or foundation — I am
only trying to serve God, we
shall do only what our blessed
Mother begs for, begs the
world for — and because of that
we must be scorned and con-
demned — If I did not believe

That God wants this I would
give up tomorrow & wash
my hands of sunny California
Priests & nuns and my many
so called friends, doing all they
can, to crush this venture -

Does all this persecution mean
that some day I shall find favor
with God? — I don't know how
you feel father. but I hope you
are still on my side while
I consider God's — one would really

think I was starting a bed of
communism. Father why are
good people, learned people
so heartless and cruel?

I can readily understand why
I should be condemned if I
were trying to do bad - but when
our aim is to embrace a life
of prayer & penance and serve
God to the best of our ability
why oh, why? - I know God permits
it all for his own wise reasons

but how much longer will God
permit the evil one to have the
upper hand? — pray for me because
I need grace and courage if I go on.

Now I have heard that the
A.B. told me to go ahead because
I gave him to understand I had
plenty of money — this from two
of my best friends — Fr. Mike says
he firmly believes God wants us
here because of all the trials &
persecution coming this way —

The house is small, poor judgement perhaps but its where God wants us to begin — And God has miraculously moved the heart of the owner to reduce the price \$1,000, also to sell on our terms — & he is a hard business man, (a crook to some) & a bigoted Protestant.

We can sleep seven without over crowding we can have our little chapel — a kitchen dining room bathroom & living room & two patios — a tiny room to make host in & a

make hosts in & a wardrobe room
small but adequate -

Father, I leave it all to God
if he wants it he will see it
thru. = there is no glory no
comfort, no prestige of any sort
in what I am trying to do -

I wish you would send me
a few lines assuring me of
your good will - but even if
that I will make the sacrifice

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if God wishes = we have three
and four masses on Sundays
the congregation is terrific
for a few summer months
visiting priests, nuns, & merry
makers — many remain in
their cars — because there is no
room in the church — I
believe Fr. Garbero will come
next month — he is the one
to whom our Lord told the
P.C.C.'s were hunting him by

not making this foundation
he is also the one who offered
to take me to the Holy Father
he is a very holy priest—

I hope you are now well.
Dear Father—Please continue
to remember me in the holy
sacrifice— Humbly, in Christ Jesus
Mary—

Pourdis water has not yet
arrived—

Carmel of Saint Teresa
215 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California

July 5, 1950

Pax Christi

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.
119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 6, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius:

The Sisters were very happy
to have the Blessing of our Holy Father
and thank you so much for obtaining
it for us.

Marian brought the medals,
rosaries and pictures which you so
kindly took to Rome with you to be
blessed.

I heard from Mrs. Donaldson
you have not been well, we are praying
you will soon be well again and then
will come over to see us.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Sister Mary Teresa D.C.
Prioress.

July 11, 1950.

Dear Mary:

Many thanks for your letter of July 5th. I must answer your letter by telling you how glad I am that Bishop Buddy has given you permission, even if he is not helping you with money. The foundation is going ahead, every day gaining new territory. Do not worry at all about Rosalinda's false accusations. God will reward you so much the more by bearing those accusations in the spirit of humility.

Don't think much about those Mexican girls that went to see you. They are fine, but I don't think they are called to be Poor Clares. They would like to, up to some extent, but I don't think they would like it all the way. Glad to hear that Bertha and another girl are joining up.

Place great confidence in the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother and in the patron Saints of the Poor Clares. It is a great thing that Father Mike sympathizes with you a hundred percent. Now all to be done is to get the money. I am glad to hear that the owner of your house came down in the price he was asking for it.

How can I ever doubt about you or your foundation now that it is on its feet--when all these years through thick and thin I always saw the workings of God in you. It is very nice that Father Gabero is going to see you. Ask him to influence people who have money to help you in your financial situation. Ask your other friends to be interested in helping you and if they cannot do it personally, at least they can influence others.

I have the Papal Blessing for you. Let me know when the water from Lourdes arrives there.

Keep praying for me and for my novices.

Wishing you great blessings from God during this month of July devoted to the Precious Blood.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,

Miss Mary Walsh,
Box 363,
Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

July 11, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Victoria:

This is to inform you that my Reverend Father Superior thinks that since the new novices are just beginning, my presence is more necessary at present with them and therefore it is not expedient for me to go out on July 18th to give you a conference in preparation for the Feast of your dear Patron St. Vincent dePaul. The 16th of July the old novices will make their profession after ~~the Holy Mass~~ to be celebrated by our Very Reverend Father Provincial at 8:00 a.m. We will be very happy in having a representation of two of your Sisters. June Haver would like to come with them.

We are praying much for the election of your new Mother General and that Our Lord will continue blessing more and more your Institute under her guidance.

Recommending myself to your prayers and those of all the Sisters of St. Johns,

Prayerfully in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Victoria,
Sisters of Charity,
St. John's Hospital,
Santa Monica, Calif.

July 11, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Eunice:

Many thanks for your letter and for the enclosed Mass stipends. I gave immediate attention to your Holy Masses and I am praying very especially for your dear Mother's intention.

Many thanks also for the beautiful badge of the Sacred Heart which you enclosed in your letter. Continue with your most sincere endeavors for sanctity by allowing the merciful love of God pervade you through and through and be His perfect victim.

I know that you will pray much for the Immaculate Heart Novitiate. May the Precious Blood of Our Lord Whose month this is, be applied to countless souls through your perfect fidelity to grace.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,

Sister Mary Eunice,
St. John's Hospital,
Santa Monica, Calif.

J. M. L.
Mother Anne Sister of Charity
Xavier, Kansas

July 13. 1950

Reverend and dear Father Cleary,

I have presumed that all else of
your service will be making them
very close on the feast of our Lady
of Mount Carmel. Should any of them
not, be please find out its note
I have written to each one.

We are finishing the second day of
our retreat. Forward to the highest Mt.
is giving it. I think he is a member of
the California Province. He is the author of

those "Minute Meditations" books.

I am sure that you are praying for us
for I can feel the Presence of God
so strongly, I always attribute that
gift to the prayers of my friends in
Christ. I can never understand
God's Goodness to me - at this
instance I can "taste" His Presence.
How Sweet The Lord is?

Father, as soon as you have the days
free to do so, please offer a Novena
of Masses in honor of The Holy Trinity
for God's guidance of our General
Chapter.

After many delays and I stopped to visit

Father M. Emmanuel Spillane on our
way here - I will tell you of our
visit when I return to Santa Monica.
He looked well and happy, but he is
having interview trials for which he
asked my prayers - Please pray for
him. He asked that I ask The Holy
Spirit to enlighten his superiors
as he was entrusting his vocation
to them - He certainly has a
correct attitude - He wrote me
once that there was no Priest there
like you - I think he misses your
guidance -

I hope you will be able to give
our Sisters at Saint John's a conference
before the Feast of Saint Vincent - I know

Three Sisters there will talk or write
to you about it.

Thanking God and you for the
spiritual encouragement you
have given our Sisters. I am
Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart
of Christ.

Sister Ann Raymond.

July 12, 1950.

My dear friends:

Reverend Father Superior invites you to attend the ceremonies of the Religious Profession of our novices on this coming Sunday, July 16th, in our Novitiate Chapel at this address. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Mass said by Father Provincial, at which you may receive Holy Communion. Profession will follow the Mass.

Please offer many prayers for the perseverance and holiness of these novices, also for the new novices who will have received the holy habit of the Claretians the evening before. By the way, I have the Papal Blessing for you and will be glad to give it to you when I see you Sunday.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dr. and Mrs. Cayetano Apablaza,
1254 South Manhattan Pl.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

July 12, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Apffel:

Reverend Father Superior invites you to attend the ceremonies of the Religious Profession of our novices on this coming Sunday, July 16th, in our Novitiate Chapel on this property. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Mass celebrated by Father Provincial, at which you may receive Holy Communion. The Profession will follow the Mass.

If you can bring any of the Sisters from Queen of Angels Hospital, they will be most welcome. I have, by the way, the Papal Blessing for you and your family and will be glad to give it to you when you come.

I ask you to offer many prayers for the perseverance and holiness of these novices as well as for the new novices who will receive the habit the evening before.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. James A. Apffel,
552 So. Gramercy Pl.,
Los Angeles 5, Calif.

July 12, 1950.

My dear friends:

Reverend Father Superior invites you to attend the ceremonies of the Religious Profession of our novices on this coming Sunday, July 16th, in our Novitiate Chapel here on this property. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Mass said by Father Provincial, at which you may receive Holy Communion.

Do offer many prayers for the perseverance and holiness of these novices as well as for the new novices who will have received the holy habit of Claretians the previous evening.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore LeBerthon,
375 Columbia Ave.,
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

July 12, 1950.

My dear friends:

Reverend Father Superior invites you to attend the ceremonies of the Religious Profession of our novices on this coming Sunday, July 16th, in our Novitiate Chapel on this property. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Mass said by Father Provincial, at which you may receive Holy Communion.

Please remember to pray for the perseverance and holiness of these novices, and also for the new novices who will have received the holy habit of the Claretians on the previous evening.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. O'Connor,
4935 East Sixtieth Street,
Maywood, Calif.

July 12, 1950.

My dear friends:

Reverend Wather Superior invites you to attend the ceremonies of the Religious Profession of our novices on this coming Sunday, July 16th, in our Novitiate Chapel at this address. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Mass said by Father Provincial, at which you may receive Holy Communion. Profession will follow the Mass.

Pray very much for the perseverance and holiness of these novices as well as for the new novices who, on the previous evening at 7:30 p.m., will have received the holy habit of the Claretians.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mongan,
5356 Highlight Pl.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

July 12, 1950.

Dear Mrs. O'Donnell:

Reverend Father Superior invites you to attend the ceremonies of the Religious Profession of our novices on this coming Sunday, July 16th, in our Novitiate Chapel on this property. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Mass celebrated by Father Provincial. Holy Communion will be distributed to all who care to receive. Profession will follow the Mass.

If you can manage to come, why don't you bring Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney? Also, if you can bring Mrs. McKean and Mrs. Prior, they will be most welcome. I am sending an invitation to Mrs. McInnes.

Holy water from Lourdes for you arrived yesterday, which I will be glad to give you Sunday. Also I have the Papal Blessing for Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Prior as a gift from yourself and from me.

Please pray for the perseverance and holiness of these novices as well as for the new novices who will receive the holy habit of the Claretians this Saturday evening.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Marie O'Donnell,
327 S. Serrano St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

He was with his amour.
She seems to be sincere. She
would make a wonderful Catholic.

Fast Thursday when I saw
Charles I also gave instruction
to a doctor in San Fernando.
He is reading a book I loaned
him. "The Abundant Life".

Pardon the long letter.
It is close to heaven here. I
keep looking up. I would like
to be a tree spear headed toward
God and yearning to be released
to fly to Him.

I have joined the Holy family
by special invitation and in a
very special way and learning
ever so little of the Holy Family
of God. The most blessed and
ever to be loved & praised.

The most Blessed Trinity.

Please used the enclosed
for masses & prayers for my
departed loved ones. My
father & mother James & Bridget &
my brother John & all my relatives
& friends. Your humble & obedient servant,
Thomas.

Thomas A. O'Connor

Sequoia National Park

California

July 26, '50

Rev. Father Aloysius Elecuria, CMF
Dear Spiritual Father,



I was nice
seeing you at the profession, if
only for a moment. During
Mass I noticed your awareness
to God and intentness to His service.

The oldest Sequoia trees here
may be 5 or 6 thousand years old.
Living links between time & eternity.

Mass is said here Sundays at
the out door chapel. I went there
today to pray and thought of being
a moon and reflecting the mercy of God
by a shining out of silvery beams of
extreme consideration of other souls.

As God reaches me thru you I
would like to pass on His reach to
others.

Your disciple Ted Le Berthon met
with me Sunday. He said he wanted
to discuss God with someone or go
crazy. We are both favored by recol-
lection, but neither of us take time
to pray right. Precious are the

"Biggest Trees in the World"
Moments saved to be alone with God.

God is so simple - how soothing & relaxing for us.
God is so Merciful - how sweet & assuring to experience it.
God is so Good - how pleasant to receive it.
God is so beautiful - what a privilege to see it, tho we
do not see it but know by blessed faith it exists.

Please tell your novices the eyes of God
are on them. Tell them to serve God with
zest & sparkle & snap and vigor and with the
precision that comes from the very loving servitude
of Christ to each of His members. Tell them how
how terrible & terrific God is in the magnitude of
His power and how sad for the lad who
rises with no burning hopes of daily accomplish-
ments for burning love of His exalted service.

Tell them to beware of the curse of the Church
in America - mediocrity - and to strive now
and prepare constantly for brilliant performance.
And finally tell them to think ever with Christ
Jesus in terms of execution of Our Father's Will,
but to beware of thinking with Satan of
results, whether with success or failure.

Spiritual Father pray on, and dream on,
and hope on! Sweet dreams; Celestial dreams!
And lead us your spiritual children to batter
down the gates of heaven for the mounting
hordes from the highways & byways of this little
planet.

Your friend Charles Lindsey curses and
hates God and said he will thumb his ~~ten~~ nose
at God for all eternity. He claims that Mr.
Rose beat him in a business deal by using
crooked methods. He had a cancer removed
beneath his eye. It may be eating into his brain
or else his confessed hate is in reality the beginning
of great love of God. At least he is not indifferent.
He is not lukewarm. He was drinking whiskey.



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
NOTRE DAME,
INDIANA.

July 16th 1950

Rev. Aloysius Callacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

It seems ages since I had a letter from You. I know You have been kept busy since You got back from Rome. Oh how I would like to sit down and have You tell me all about the wonderful Canonization of Your holy Saint, as well as the lovely Ceremonies that was Your privilege to take part in it.

I hope some time You will find it convient to write me all about it, as well as Your visit with Your dear Brother, Father Joseph Mary. I can innagine how happy he was to have a visit with You as well as all the members of the family. I had a letter from Alberta not long ago, she is Yet very much disturbed not much improvement in her eye condition, still wants to be a Carmelite, said she was going to see You when You would get home. I feel sorry for her. am praying for her. I am wondering if Billy Druiser called to see You, he left the Dominican nov. I had a letter from him after Easter telling me he was sorry he left that he was very unhappy said he was lonesome and out of place in the midst of a crowd, asked me for Your address, that he would be in California, in the summer, that he would be in Your vicinity.

I have not heard from him in months. I pray for him continually, as I feel for his soul. he is a convert no one belonging to him are Catholics. I know You will keep him in Your prayers. Now is the Young man You asked me to pray for Billy Sutton. I dedicated the month of the Sacred Heart for the perseverance of all those to be Ordained to the priesthood as well as for those studying. I'm sure all Your Novices are good because their Novice Master is carrying about with You the graces & blessings of Our Lords own Heart, in the Heart of Our Blessed Mother whom You love so well, will show forth in the lives of those would to be priests entrusted to Your care. Father ask them to pray for Billy; and to pray for Our poor boys, in Korea, suffering and dying a cruel death, that Our Blessed Mother from Her loving Heart will bestow on them a happy death.

Inclosed find Mass offerings. One in Honor of the Sacred Heart for the Moore family, for all their needs especially the light of faith. One in honor of Saint Joseph for the dying and to hasten the Beatification of Father's Luke & Father Myers. One in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows for the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them, and all the graces that the members of my family are in need of.

Thanking You dear Father for all Your holy Blessings and prayers for my poor soul. You know You always have mine, Oh we need to pray much we do not know what may happen to us, here at home, the Communists are getting ready

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Pamplona. A 17 de Julio de 1950.

R.P. Juan Luis de Ellacuría. C.M.F.

querido e inolvidable Juan Luis:
que el Corazón de María y el Santo Fundador nos
sigan bendiciendo benévolamente.

Aunque no llegaron las elecciones provinciales
ni la noticia de la división de la Provincia, quiero darte
a conocer brevísimamente algunas noticias.

JAVIERCHU ha conseguido la primera Beca de las
Escuelas de Bilbao. quiere estudiar Náutica, que a mí me
parece muy bonita carrera.

ANGELCHU ha obtenido un notable ascenso en el A-
yuntamiento, lo cual supone que ha desempeñado admirableme-
mente su cometido en la Casa Consistorial de Bilbao.

Juan Luischu terminará felizmente, si Dios
quiere su carrera en Septiembre. Estudia mucho y bien.

La familia se acuerda mucho de tí y de tus fi-
nezas. No podía ser menos y yo contentísimo y ultrasatis-
fecho con ello.

De Castilla salen destinados 13 Padres para
las diferentes naciones de América. Los que van a Méjico
son muy selectos....

En cuanto me encuentre admirablemente. No sé si
predicaré la Novena de aquí, conforme lo quiere el P.
Superior, para darme a conocer en Pamplona, o predicaré
la Novena de San Sebastián, que mucho me halaga.

La temporada que se avecina ha de ser de gran
revuelo oratorio para mí. Pide al Señor que me prepare a
conciencia y consolide mi formación oratoria.

La máquina eléctrica es admirable. La otra, la
anterior está averiada y, antes de traspasarla a Juan Luis
quisiera dejarla bien arreglada.

Adiós querido hermano y hasta muy pronto. Rue-
ga por mí, para que cumpla mis planes de penitencia y san-
tificación, sin admitir ya más demoras tediosas.

José María Ellacuría AUF

Vale.

P.D.: Pronto te daré noticias muy interesantes.

Andrés

En tu muy cariñoso Juan Luis de

I do not mean to be presumptuous in this, Father. I have already explained to you just how things were and how they happened. By my silence at times, I may have given the impression to others that I was in sympathy with them and against my superior. I have been exceedingly careful on this point and have in every instance since, supported authority in every case brought to me. It is difficult at times, however. There are cases which Rev. Mother does not seem to understand; they are a source of much suffering to the Sisters and it seems that nothing can be done. In the matter of my work, Rev. Mother said that she is unable to do anything to relieve me; that she has absolutely no one. The physical exhaustion has continued practically all year; much of my trouble, too, has come from this. I have not the physical endurance to support what I could in former years when my strength was not exhausted. I am trying to relax and rest during the summer; I have to a certain extent - but even now, there is no end to the work to be done. This brings me now to my resolution for the year. I have renewed my general resolution of adoration of the Blessed Trinity with special attention to peace of soul, humility, confidence, abandonment and surrender with special emphasis on yielding to others when possible, not showing annoyance or impatience, and not showing my sensitiveness and touchiness. I feel that this latter, sensitiveness, touchiness and lack of patience when disturbed or contradicted, should be the subject of my particular examen for the year, combined with my usual practice of confidence. The sanction for failures will be a special act of mortification for each failure. May I please have your blessing on my resolutions, Father, and any correction or addition you may see fit to give me? I know that things will not be much easier for me than they were last year, Father. Mother and I simply do not see things in the same light - I see black where she sees white and vice versa. However, Mother has been very patient and kind with me and I do appreciate the many nice things she has done for me. She has asked for me as her assistant, and again, this has been a point of difficulty. I begged Rev. Mother before council meeting one day to spare me this. She said she could not do so. The reason for my making the first retreat was in order that I would be free to take charge of the house during Mother's absence during the second retreat. I did not wish this either. I can assure you that it is costing me much to submit to the assignment of being Mother's assistant. As you have told me, my chief difficulty seems to be that of submitting to God's will. Will you please ask Him to give me this grace, Father? I do wish to do so, regardless of my failures in the past. I would so want to be freed of responsibility, freed of my duties as councillor and supervisor. Time is not given me to perform the duties adequately and this, too causes no end of worry and trouble. Again, is it all as you have so often told me, a lack of humility and confidence? It is discouraging after so many years in religion to see myself so deficient.

Our dear Lord in spite of my lack of generosity and my failures seems again to have given a special grace to my nephew, Tommy, my sister Margaret's son, Dolores' brother. He feels that God is calling him to the priesthood. He is going to St. Rita's high school and consequently wishes to go the Augustinian Fathers. He has a difficult time with some of his school work so we don't know if he has the intelligence requisite. He made all his credits this past year, his first year in high school. I feel that if God really wishes him for the priesthood, He will give him the necessary intelligence; even if he would enter the brotherhood, we would all be very happy about it. From present plans, he will enter their preparatory high school in September. Would you kindly remember him in your prayers, Father. My sister and her husband are both perfectly willing to permit him to go and would be most happy if his vocation would really be to the priesthood.

The latest news about Sister Mary Mediatrix seems to be that she has ungulent fever. She has been at St. Mary's in Kankakee for about the past month. The poor dear one has suffered so much. She suffered very keen pain after her operation in Chicago but she felt much better after the operation. I see her whenever I can.

J.M.J.

St. Patrick Academy
Mokena, Illinois
July 18, 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Our retreat is over as well as our jubilee celebration for Sister Mary Lawrence. We had a wonderful day Sunday. His Excellency, Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara, our Bishop, came for the occasion and the day was spent in thanking almighty God for the numerous graces bestowed upon our honored jubilarians.

Time did not seem to present itself during the retreat to write to you as I usually do during the time of retreat. There were many disturbances due to the preparations for the jubilee celebration. Our retreat master was a Dominican, Rev. Father Timothy J. Treacy, of River Forest, Illinois. He was an elderly man, evidently one who had spent many years in the field of mission and retreat work. His conferences were good solid basic foundation doctrine, based upon St. Thomas. Personally neither the retreat master nor his conferences appealed to me. There was nothing in either which made a strong appeal or gave any stimulus to greater generosity or fervor of spirit. I believe that Father is a very saintly priest and that he lives up fully to the doctrine he preached. It was a disappointment to me to be obliged to make this retreat as I had wished to make the August retreat under the Jesuit, Father Robb, who had given us a retreat many years ago. I had rather forcefully given my opinion one afternoon at recreation, saying that I would rather not make a retreat than be obliged to make it with constant disturbance as had been the case once before when I made the retreat in Mokena. However, I regretted having publicly stated my objection so strenuously and I went to Mother Viator before and told her that I was perfectly willing to make this retreat if she wished me to and that I would wish her to feel perfectly free to disturb me at any time she needed to.

I feel that our dear Lord granted me a very special grace during the retreat. It was one of the most peaceful I have ever made. A dense cloud of peace, deep, deep peace, seemed to hover over me and remain with me throughout the entire retreat and after it as well. I spent much time in re-reading my former retreat notes and resolutions and your letters to me. Throughout all, our dear Lord seemed to make perfectly clear to me that He wished complete surrender as both you and Father Moisant have told me throughout the year. As I examined the year, its difficulties and its sorrows, its crosses and its failures, all seemed to be so very trivial - and the surrender which He asked of me so easy, I made the surrender to Him and begged Him to take me completely and do with me as He wished. Again as I examined the year, much of the trouble seemed to come through my excessive sensitiveness and touchiness, my desire to have my own way, and my unwillingness to yield to others. All of this again pointed to a great lack of humility, a lack of confidence in not trusting Him to take care of things for me, and a lack of perfect abandonment to Him in all things. Frankly, Father, more than once throughout the year, the thought and the temptation were very strong - that if I were a younger religious, I would leave the institute. I simply could not seem to see the justice, the fairness, or the reason for things. Rev. Mother's accusations to me at the time of her visitation still remain a source of great sorrow; however, as far as I am concerned, I am not guilty as she seemed to think I was. I am at peace about it, however; I know that I am as I am before Him; not as others, even superiors, may think.

Things are not always too pleasant for her even with our own Sisters. There are some who make her life less happy that she has a right to expect from her own Sisters. A few months ago when I happened to go to Beaverville, Sister asked to speak to me. She seemed to be feeling very depressed and due to the heavy expense of her illness and her hospitalization and the fact that she was unable to render much service to the community, she felt it might be better all round if she were to give up and leave religious life. We talked for quite awhile and she seemed to be feel better after it. She made me promise that if at any time, I felt her absence from the community would be best, that I would tell her. I think you know how I feel about this, Father. I have not spoken of this to anyone but I felt that if you knew, you would pray more for her, if possible, than I know you do. The question of the justice of some promise she was obliged to make before her perpetual vows, is at times, a source of much worry to me. Hasn't she the right as well as anyone else to choose her own director or to be free to speak to whomsoever she pleases? Why must she be silenced? Why does the priest whom Mother St. Emily at the time had as spiritual director be empowered to hold this over her head? At times, I feel that perhaps it is best for me to "tend to my own affairs." She is definitely a chosen soul whom God has called to suffer. In His own due time, He will right all things for her. Too bad you could not have seen her in Chicago - yet I know why you did not. No doubt your sacrifice in not seeing her has helped her more than the happiness of seeing you and speaking to you would have given her.

I typed the notes of the retreat conferences for you as usual, Father. I have just a few more to type as the last couple of days of retreat, I did not have time to do so. We had our day of Reparation with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday. I spent practically the entire day in presence of our dear Lord. I prayed much for you, Father, and your intentions. No doubt you have been very busy since your return. We received the news during the retreat that Richard Bartlett will be ordained on August 15. Sister Mary George and Sister MayyBlanche are so happy over it.

I trust that you will write when you can find time. Even though you do not write, I am certain that I am not forgotten in your prayers. I am enclosing the copy of my retreat resolutions for your blessing and your approval. I do want to give God what He wishes of me, no matter what the crosses, the pain, and the suffering. Asking your blessing and your prayers, I remain

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

As I re-read this letter, I fear I may have given you the impression that I did not make a good retreat. I feel that I really did make a very good retreat, Father, in spite of the disturbances, the difficulties, and all. I did not have the sensible fervor and the joy which has frequently been present during retreat but the dense cloud of deep peace seemed to make up for all.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

ES TACAT. Hazlo pronto porque me urge enviar este asunto.
Pamona, 19 de Julio de 1950.
R. P. H. de la Cruz, C.M.F.

Con esta son ya tres las cartas que te escribo, sin recibir contestación por tu parte. Se ve que no te gusta hacer pautar como a mí en la máquina de escribir; la que te escribo ahora es la DECIMO-TERCERA CARTA que hoy escribo. Todo esta en tener voluntad y agilidad de dedos e imaginación.

...a todo esto que el Corazón de María y nuestro Santo P. Fundador
...hagan de nosotros unos santos. Míale en los Apóstoles de las glorias del Cor-
...de María.

Te decía en las cartas que escribí para tí el último día, cómo
mucho me interesa saber de ti y de tus noticias. ¡Ya
te he escrito tantas veces y no he recibido respuesta alguna.
Provincial de Cantabria: M. R. P. Agustín de Lazcano, secretario
Consultor: D. Javier Preciado, D. Hermenegildo Barberán, mi Superior.
D. Teófilo Ibarra, compañero.
D. Jerónimo Gómez Merayo, quien parece

Ministro Prov.: P. Ángel C. Suena, tu condiscípulo.
Prov. de Castilla: M. R. P. Toribio Pérez, actual Maestro de Novicios en Salvatierra.

so desde Valmaseda.	1º	P. Benigno Anzoya, condiscipulo rigoso-
Frison.	2º	P. Fidel Martinez, del curato del P. F
Segovia.	3º	P. Eutiquiano Garcia, actual Sup. de
Provincial. El Secretario parece ser el	4º	P. Bombin, que sera ademas Ministro
		P. Eutiquiano Garcia.

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quedan en igualdad de casas ambas Provincias. En 15 casas.

Estoy muy contento con estos nombramientos y esta demarcación. A Castilla les en regan la nueva iglesia de Madrid y también la nueva Casa que allí se construya, aparte de que quieren construir un gran Colegio y Residencia de Estudiantes para Castilla, aparte de la que tiene Bética. ¡Muy bien hecha y muy lógica la división!

No dejes de felicitar al P. Lazcano.

Los nombramientos nuestros parece que se harán dentro de mes y medio, antes de empezar el curso.

En cuanto a los nombramientos te advierto, querido Juan Luis, que a mí no me han de nombrar más que Consultor 2º de alguna Casa. La razón es clara y expeditiva: "Soy prediador y, según comentan, de mucha envergadura de trabajo", por lo mismo interesa a todos que esté suelto, para poderme desplazar meses en eros y estar disponible en cualquier momento.

Creo que, si pretendiera, no sería nada difícil para mí el ascender; pero, has de darte cuenta que he enfocado ya mi vida por la misión y no me conviene trabas. ¡Eso sí! Estoy de enhorabuena y satisfechísimo.

Otro asunto: Te adjunto una nota con el teclado de la maquina

silenciosa. Como en España no hay fábrica de la Casa Remington, acudo a tí, para que por correo me remitas las tres teclitas que te solicito, SÍ TE ES FACIL. Hazlo pronto, porque me urge arreglar este asunto.

RELIQUIAS DE NUESTRO SANTO FUNDADOR.- Ya recuerdas que te envié Codina las reliquias aquellas; necesito que me digas si te ha servido tu gusto, porque no le quiero mandar los cheques de dollars, mientras no sé de cómo te ha satisfecho por completo.

En cuanto al proyecto de mandarme a las Américas para actuar
siones durante x años, me parece bastante difícil, por ahora. Valemos
pero, a falta de pan, buenas son tortas... que dicen en Castilla.

Adiós, querido Juan Luis. Se correcto, contestándome cuanto antes, aunque sea esquemáticamente, como mi carta anterior, dejándote de formalismos de santidad y consejos fríos de epístolas rancias de viejas habladoras. No es que no estime tus consejos; ya sabes que sí; pero, las cartas prolijas, las que se extienden demasiado, dan miedo a su redactor, porque para escribir la siguiente, necesita un propósito titánico. Hemos de hacerlo con las ocupaciones como el torero con el toro, capearlo bien y deshacerlo cuanto antes.

Novicio de la Universidad de Salamanca

Provincial. El Secretario parece ser el P. Rufiniano G. Segovia. " " P. Bombin, que ser 40 P. Rufiniano Gar 30 P. Rufiniano Gar 30 P. Rufiniano Gar 30

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cannot work, pray or think the feeling is so terrible, more like nervous attacks. many times she has fainted in the Chapel before our dear Lord, during the chanting of the Divine office and at meals.

Sister Emily told Rev. Mother she just couldn't take any more shots or medicine and begged her permission to stop that she just couldn't stand any more. Later when I talked to her, she told me that when it was over and she could pray and work ~~any~~ again.

She feared so the next month when she would have to go all through it again. She is so ashamed of the older sisters looking at her shaking and fainting and causing so much trouble.

She said when she entered she did not have a vocation but that God had given her one and she wanted so much to know

and love Him better. She wants to be better and not to cause so much trouble for Rev. Mother, but as things are I am so afraid she will have a nervous breakdown.

Dear Father Alayius will you ask our dear Lord to help her, and please give her the

J. M. J. T.
Our Maria!

St. Anthony's Chapel
Pray for us.
July 30, 1950

Dear Father Alayius,

I am sorry to bother you so soon after meeting you, but she thought that you might help come immediately to my mind. and as I am hoping and praying that you will take my little girl, Sister Mary Emily, as one of your spiritual children, I will tell you what the trouble is.

I had thought my girl was well and happy in her vocation - a Cloistered Dominican nun. She entered at 16 years of age, Feb. 16, 1944 at Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit at the time she had not begun to menstruate but the doctor said she was growing fast and that it would be all right.

When I returned from California Rev. Mother sent for me and told me that all these years the doctors has been giving Sister Emily shots and medicine, although the periods started they were not satisfactory and of late, at that time of the month, the little one has such a terrible time. her body shakes and trembles. she

leaving for the sick, distance don't make any difference. I have promised her to have the Holy Sacrament of the Mass offered each month 15th for her. Rev. Mother said she would not give for any other or medicine for a while to see how she will be. She always was a devoted child and a daily Communicant.

This is the first time I have heard about her marriage since she was always so happy and cheerful when I visited her. Now my husband thinks I was wrong thing making up for mind but she did every thing making up for her mind and etc. herself I was very happy to give her to my sons I offered all of my love girls but had took only one. 3 are married and one expects to be.

Dear Father I am begging you in the name of our dear Jesus to intercede for the cure of this monthly trouble. I am so frightened about what I say to her or advise her because I do not want to interfere with God's holy will for her. She had been picked by our Blessed Mother as one of the 15 to go to Lufkin, Texas

for the new foundation with Mother Imelda and Sister Anna, but the way they told me, the Mother of Jesus did not answer her when she left at midnight.

That was a terrible shock for her as she had made for new habit with the rest and the Rev. Mother Imelda told me about her going in front of her I thought maybe I had displeased our dear Mother but accepted it as God's will and finally we took measure. But it was a terrible worry for a year. The child was broken hearted for a while. I never did find out the truth.

Forgive me dear Father for troubling you. But it is all for the honor and glory of God. May the Holy will be done.

God love and bless you.

Sincerely yours,

in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary

Mrs. William The Brown

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July 24, 1950.

Dear Rev. Father,

Greetings in the Sacred Heart of Jesus! I arrived at the monastery on July 20th., after having a pleasant visit at home. Our plane had two forced landings because of storms, but I was not afraid.

Father, you are wondering, I'm sure, just why I am writing to you. Well, I want to come to you again for a visit, but I want to give you a complete picture before I come in order that you will have time to pray over my condition and to ask the Holy Ghost to guide me in following out the will of God. I shall be very Brief.

My childhood, which started July 15, 1928, was not too unusual. Pampered by my family all of my life, as I look back I find a rather strange individual. I attended the public schools until my 9th. year in school. During my fourth year in school, I became a friend of some bad boys and often found myself involved in immoral actions. At the age of ten, I was a radio and stage star--a vocalist. At twelve, dancing was added to my acts. I loved the bright lights and the noise of the spectators. Being a rather nice looking chap, and the envy of all of my classmates, I begun to associate with the wrong type of persons. To make it short, I matured too quickly. My work took me into all types of joints--and necessitated all hours, some times week ends. At this age I found many who fell at my feet, willing to do anything for me. Again my companions were immoral males.



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After entering Catholic High, I became interested in the Church. My stage life seemed to drift slowly out of my days, and I was left alone. I was received into the Church in 1944. Then my wild circle begun. In August, 1944, I went to Vermont to become a Brother. Because of my intellectual background, and my desire, the superior decided that I should enter the junior seminary in September of that same year. I spent the school there, standing first in a class of eleven with an "A" average. Why didn't I remain? Because I was passing for a white student (for I was very fair in my youth) and was afraid that it would be found out, for my family had planned to come to visit me the following year.

In August of 1945, I entered the Brothers of Charity, a teaching community in Mass. In September of that same year I left and returned to Catholic High. In February of '46, I re-entered this same community and remained five months. Why did I leave? I felt that the Brothers were below my mental capacity, and more than this I should continue to study for the priesthood.

September, 1946, I found myself in the seminary. Five months later, although I was leading in my class, I was asked to leave. Why? Because the prefect had told the rector that I did not want to become a member of their society, but wanted to be a secular priest. This I had made clear before I entered, but he said that he felt that after I entered I would change my mind. I also had trouble there because I was told that I was a member of a click...and yet to this



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day I do not consider my actions as such.

July 6, 1947, I entered the Brothers of St. John of God. I took my vows on October 7, 1948. Still my mind is not settled. I want to find my station in life, but in vain have I searched. Like most newly founded communities in America, there is trouble within because of foreign elements...God have mercy on the American Religious!

Does God want me in Religion; what does he want of me? I have searched from coast to coast, hoping to make myself fit into a Religious picture, and yet, there is something within me that continues to say come. But where? My mind, my soul, my every being is so disturbed.

Father, you are the first priest, nay more, the first person to whom I have ever opened my life. This is because I know that you will help me. Trusting that I shall hear from you as to when I can see you, before I become more discouraged, I close. May God keep you close to His Sacred Heart. I am...

God's vagabond,

Bro. Benaventura, O. S. J. O.

July 25, 1950

Pax Christi!

My Father in Christ,

It's about a month since I last wrote, but it seems like a year, and had you not said "write when you feel like it" I would not be sending you this. Not because of timidity entirely, Father, but because it seems like seeking consolation, and also because even if you did answer, I have my doubts whether or not it would help. However, the latter is in our Lady's hands & I trust her to provide for the needs of my soul.

Since I did not hear from you before July 16th I asked Rev. Mother how long I should renew my vow, & she told me to renew it "until I heard from you", so each morning I tell our Lord I renew it for as long as my Father will let me.

It is not as difficult to talk to Rev. Mother as it used to be - *des Gratias*.

This is short, Father, but I just can't talk. If I did, I'm sure it would sound exaggerated.

Please pray for me, and bless
your unworthy child in the Name of
Mary,

L. Miriam of June 22

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July 25, 1950.

Dear Angel:

Your letter of July 21st received this morning. I congratulate you for being favored with the highest vocation on earth, with the vocation to the Holy Priesthood. Now it seems that you would like to come to the United States only to study theology, but not to incardinate yourself to any diocese. I advise you to study your theology in Salamanca and after your ordination to come here to Los Angeles with the recommendation of the Bishops of Spain to work in the apostolate of the Catholic cinema. I have discussed this matter with our Very Rev. Father Provincial and he told me it is much better for you to study your theology in Spain. You will be better formed. Then, with all the recommendations that you bring along with you already as a Priest, the Bishops here will listen to you much better. You could not do much now, coming as a student. You could, after your ordination, also take some post-graduate course at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C.

Now, in regard to getting certain American movie stars over to Spain, arrangements should be made between the Franco government and the motion picture companies which employ these stars, as Paramount Studios, Metro-Goldwin-Mayer, Twentieth Century Fox Studios, Columbia Studios, etc. You understand that these artists are under contract to the studio which employs them and sometimes one studio might release one of their stars to another studio for some movie; but you will not get anywhere by trying to get some person in particular, because of the legal contracts under which these artists work. The procedure would be, then, for the Franco government to approach one of these leading studios to arrange for a contract for these stars. These studios are in the business to make money, and must be approached in a practical way to obtain the loan of any of their stars. Also, not all of these stars are good for everything. Maybe Loretta Young would not be suited to the role of Queen of Spain. Sometimes a non-Catholic actor or actress would play a given role much better; for example, Jennifer Jones was given the role of Bernadette, and Ingrid Bergman played the part of Joan of Arc. The top men in the studios will know whom to select.

Extend my best regards to your brother, the Jesuit, and to your spiritual director, Father Santos Beguiristain. Praying for your success now in your career for the Holy Priesthood and later for the success of a holy apostolate in promoting Catholic movies.

Sincerely yours in Cordibus Jesu et Mariae,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sr. Angel Martinez de Olkatz

Hinojos

July 25, 1950.

Dear Jose:

Pardon my great delay in answering your letter, but I have something good to tell you. Father Provincial asked me yesterday whether I wrote to you. When I told him not as yet, he encouraged me to write to you. Now between you and me I think that if you continue writing to Father Provincial telling him how determined you are to make good this time if you are given this privileged opportunity of re-entering, he will tell you Yes at the end. So keep on writing to him, because already I have accomplished something on your behalf.

Now, dear Jose, if and when you enter, will you disappoint me and the Provincial Government after giving you all these chances? Now I advise you even with more eagerness than ever to behave where you are as a real seminarian and to make up your mind once and for all whether you really and permanently want to be a Claretian. Go to Holy Mass and Communion every morning. Make the Stations of the Cross every day. Read some spiritual book every day that gives you material for meditation. Stay completely away from girls, so that you keep the purity of your body and soul most carefully, telling Our Lord and the Bl. Mother that it is a great joy for you to sacrifice your whole being on the altar of chastity for their love. Now, Jose, by your asking to enter, you might get the re-entrance. Are you going to make a fool of your superiors by doing what you did last time? Remember that you are going to have the same difficulties as before. But in all these cases it is one's self who has to be corrected. The others might have some amount of blame, but the one who has most of the blame is one's self, even if self-love is reluctant to admit it.

Now, Jose, don't think that I don't love you because I worked so hard for you and you disappointed me so very much by quitting after one year. I want to be sure that this time you are not going to be the same.

Write to Father Provincial, and when you have written the letter, take it to one of our churches in El Paso and present it to the Immaculate Heart of our Bl. Mother and to our Holy Founder, asking them to bless that letter by bringing you good and definite news that you are going to be admitted once more to the Claretian Congregation.

Well, Jose, if you come to the Congregation, come with the idea of becoming a saint and to have under your feet your pride, and with the full realization of the greatness of being a Claretian, even if some of your former classmates or associates never have realized their privilege.

Praying for you, and most interested in you,

Yours in C. M.

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

July 26, 1950.

Dear Mrs. McPolin:

I was very happy that you were able to take the pilgrimage to Rome with Father Pat and tour around through several nations of Europe. It was a well-deserved landmark in your life, rich in experience and replete with ideas and saturated with many spiritual graces.

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a picture of my nephew and myself which you took at the San Sebastian. I sent it over to my nephew telling him that this was from you and Father Pat. I think my nephew will welcome the negative since you so kindly are offering it to me.

Mrs. Gaugush, on behalf of the Mothers' Club, gave us, on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, \$8.00 for a treat for the novices. They all extend their thanks to you as President of the Mothers' Club.

Everyone of your boys from Chicago are fine and improving in their health in this delightful climate of California. We are all praying that your Mothers' Club may increase much this year through the new vocations which St. Jude's is receiving.

With my best regards to Mr. McPolin and to Father Pat and to John, Lorraine and Bob and their families,

Sincerely and gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Patrick McPolin,
8413 So. Morgan,
Chicago 20, Ill.

July 26, 1950.

Dear Mrs. McGraw:

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 20th. I am praying for your intentions, especially on behalf of Sister Mary Emily. Just tell her to do all she can to please God and not to worry about anything else. Also, yourself, Mrs. McGraw, don't be disturbed about the condition of your daughter. Just pray that God's Will be done. These contrarities are good for us to keep us humble and make us dependent completely on God without any self-seeking.

Pardon my brevity, because I don't have much time at my disposal. But remember that God at the end will bring good out of the suffering of your daughter.

May God accomplish all His designs in her as well as in all of you. Requesting your prayers for me and my novices.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Lillian McGraw,
3763 Gladstone,
Detroit 6, Mich.

July 26, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Howard:

I received your letter and I am praying for you that you will be able to bear up with your crosses. Do the best with them, because all of us have our own crosses to bear. Just ask Our Lord for great patience and humility. Be always calm and smiling amidst every suffering. Foster your prayer, ~~and~~ which you find great consolation and new vigor to bear up with the trials.

Pardon my brevity, because I have very little time.

My best regards to your husband.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. J. R. Howard,
1453 West 37th St.,
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

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"May the Heart of Jesus live in our hearts
and the hearts of all men!"

Convent of Mercy
700 Webster Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Feast of St. Joachim

Dear Father Aloysius, S. M. I.

Pardon my delay in acknowledg-
ing your gracious letter of last month.

I was anxious to inform you of my
assignment for this year. These assign-
ments are published Aug. 15, a gift from
Our dearest Mother Mary! My obedience
is to remain here, continuing class work
in our St. Mary High School here with other
chapters in the Convent. May each moment
of this new School Year bring me nearer &
make me dearer to the Loving Hearts of Jesus &
Mary! With their all-powerful grace & help
may I become a more pleasing victim
offered each moment in union with my
Tremendous Lover to His Heavenly Father, to
atone for the sins of the world.

August 15, After the required four weeks
of preparation, I had the great happiness
of making the Act of Consecration to our Beloved
Mother, Queen of our Hearts & now glory in being
her poor, unworthy but loving slave. That
same day I made, with your very gracious
permission, my Act of Imolation to the Loving
Heart of Jesus, offering my sinful self as a Victim
of Love. I cannot express the great happi-

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July 29, 1950.

Dear Brother Bonaventure:

I have received your letter and I am commending to God your soul.

In regard to your vocation, the following comes to me: unless you feel a very steady and positive attraction to the Priesthood, the safe and sound thing is to stay where you are. Among the orders of brothers, the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God are about the best credited. Your Order has such a long and brilliant history. It is a great privilege for you to do now pioneering work for your order right here in America and to do all you can with your talents to make it great. I wish every great city in this nation would have a community of your brothers therein. It would mean so much for the conversion of numberless souls while you take care of their bodies.

Now, dear Brother Bonaventure, I fully sympathize with you and I do realize your difficulties; but this is the time, the time of your youth, to show God your generous love for Him, not a luke-warm or mediocre love as many religious are satisfied in giving to God. You might think that maybe because the Order was founded abroad and several centuries ago, some of the regulations are not up to date and should not be applied here and now to the American religious. This is a subtle temptation from the devil to stop you in the middle of the road and to steal the virtue of generosity away from you. If some of the regulations are not fitted to Americans, your higher superiors, when they get together in General Chapter or right here in the Provincial Chapter, will discuss and decide about it. But in the meanwhile embrace whole-heartedly, my dear Brother, what is safest for your soul by following strictly the regulations of your Order already sanctified by so many saintly brothers, who from heaven are encouraging you, a youthful American, to follow after their footsteps, so to have the same glory that they have because, dear Brother, if you want the same glory as your saintly predecessors, you must follow also their virtuous paths without deviating to one side or other.

Now it is human that you feel difficulties. This is nothing unusual. But don't you see, Brother, the particular love of God for you? You are the only Catholic in your family. God has singled you out from so very many in order to make you His very own in the religious life. God has given you a brilliant mind and a fine personality in order that you be here and now another John of God for all who deal with you. It should be your aim to continue in your own life the life of St. John of God, your glorious Father Founder. Be as close as possible to him. Tell him many times that you want to have the fullness of his spirit and to reflect it in the care of the sick. Ask him to be always with you, to be your particular protector. Request from him to obtain for you a share of that charity and love of God and the sick that he had. Dear Brother Bonaventure, give yourself thoroughly to piety, to an abundant and intense piety so that you may feel the nearness of God. Foster a life of constant prayer. Do keep day and night a most loving attention to God so that you really may be Bonaventure of God just

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as your Founder who was John of God.

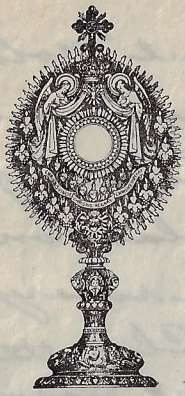
It is most risky now, to say the least, to change orders, even from the material standpoint, because the world is so very unsettled and they can draft you. Come some afternoon any day between three and six to see me, and we will speak about some other matters appertaining to your soul that would take too long now in this letter.

May the Hearts of Jesus and Mary bless you most abundantly through the mediation of your Holy Founder, St. John of God.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Brother Bonaventure, O.S.J.D.,
Mt. St. John of God Sanitarium,
2445 South Western Ave.,
Los Angeles 18, Calif.



Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration

Benedictine Plaza July 31, 1950
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Father Alois

You will recall, that about a month ago Mrs. Morgan brought Mother Mary Thiadildis and Sr. M. Clotilda from Tucson Ariz. to see you and ask your prayers and blessing that if it were God's will, I might be cured. You promised your prayers, and told me to let you know later how I got along.

In general I felt much better, that is, I haven't suffered as much pain and distress as I did before. Still the large spleen is as big as ever, even seems bigger, pressing the ribs and side all out of proportion. I still suffer that extreme exhaustion, which goes with splenic anemia. You gave me an extra big blessing telling me to trust in God and go to Official Holy Adoration and kneel. With Mother's permission I went $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. six days in succession, the first week and stood it fine. I did not even get fidgety. I feel no fatigue whilst kneeling in the sanctuary and the time is over before I realize it. I really could go every day, but Mother thinks I'm overdoing it and does not permit me more than three or four periods a week. I do as she says for I know. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

When we came to see you I had a great desire to be cured and felt I could go to God with greater confidence, since the Doctors told me they could do nothing more. But after a while the thought came to me, that perhaps in your charity you were calling all this misery down upon yourself in order to relieve me and I felt a great repugnance obtaining health at the expense of another. I told God that if you meant to do that, I could not accept it. To me it seemed so selfishly selfish on my part. After all, your Community needs your service more than ours does mine. In fact, ours gets along very well without me. Did I do wrong by acting thus? Still I feel God can cure without making someone else suffer in my stead.

One great grace I have received - that is I am perfectly indifferent as to whether I am sick or well. I want only

what God wills and I feel very happy. For the present Mother
lets me wear that 1st class relic you gave her for our
community here at Tucson, but I will soon have to give
it back. I have a great desire to have a first class one for
myself so I could wear it all the time. I pray a rosary every
evening to your Holy Founder, St. Anthony Maria Clarette, that
if it be God's holy will, that his spleen would get normal
again and that I would produce enough blood of my own
without having to get a transfusion ever so often. Then I
would be stronger. But "Fiat" I recommend myself to your
holy prayers every day as well as your holy mass and I
am the happiest for having met you and for having received
your blessing. I too keep my promise to pray for you and for
your special intentions, as well as those of your Rev. Su-
perior. I think Mother placed your names and your inten-
tions on the altar near the throne of Jesus Hostia so they are
recommended to His merciful Heart hourly by His adorers.

In between prayers I keep busy doing needlework.
A few weeks ago I started a cincture for you, but I could
not finish as we had to send away for some more thread.
It came yesterday and as soon as I can finish it we will
mail it to you. Please accept it as a little token of
gratitude for what you did and are doing for us. I made
this cincture in honor of your holy patron St. Alois and I
tried to make every stitch a prayer and an act of love.
I hope you may wear it when saying holy Mass.

Now I kneel and beg your blessing for our Mother
and Sisters as well as for myself, and remain in
Jesus and Mary,

Your Grateful Child
Sister Mary Clotilda

July 31, 1950

Dear Father Ellacuria:

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me.

My brother, John, told me of his visit with you and the advice you gave him concerning Marie Therese, which, of course, we understand is in strict confidence. I cannot tell you how shocked we were, as I was under the impression that everything was in accordance with the Church's approval.

However, at the moment my real problem is whether or not I should inform two of my intimate girl friends here in Chicago of Marie's invalid marriage as I know one of the girls still writes to Marie for advice and other matters. My brother John strongly feels that I should tell them and also feels that I am doing a great wrong in not doing so. I have hesitated telling the girls as I do not want to be uncharitable nor be responsible for spreading a scandal. If I were to tell them it would not be easy as I loved Marie very dearly and considered her a great Saint as I have heard of her sufferings and always thought she was under the guidance of the Little Flower.

Inasmuch as you have known Marie Therese for several years and know the circumstances surrounding the case I am writing to you for your help and advice.

I have prayed for guidance and enlightenment and beg of you to remember us in your prayers as we need them. I know my brother must have taken this very hard knowing of his admiration for Marie.

I am praying for John^{G.} and Marie and will continue to do so.

I know you are very busy but would be very grateful to hear from you Father.

Sincerely,

Evelyn McHugh
4925 1/2 Quincy St. Apt. 25,
Chicago 44, Illinois.

St. Loyola 31 July 50

Reverend dear Father:

God grant that all be well with you after the wonderful trip. I received a letter from Father Moore--Pablo Maria--which I am inclosing. This letter has demanded a definite word, which I sent, the burden of the note to the affect that I was not only getting down to studying Latin, theology, praying for more Grace through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but also bending every effort that I would come empty handed, meaning, that this property must sell, or lease ere I knelt before the high altar at Burgos.

Summer has reached the halfway mark, and no deal has been made as yet; my prayers are still for docility to the Will of God; I am not struggling where I am caught in the Arms of Christ; there is a war brewing and I no doubt will be part of it, having had special training in War II; I have devoted most of my time in seeing myself as a religious, acting as a religious, for my greatest desire still, Father Aloysius, is to die a religious.

My apostolate here is still active: I have at the present time two Protestants which I am helping through mail find the Truth of the Church, and only last week the Spirit was very close when a singular event took place here. Two lads, sixteen, one a luke warm Catholic, the other not even a baptized Christian, stayed for three days camping out as they had done before. This time our conversations were such that at last the unbaptized became filled with the Holy Spirit, asked me to baptize him, which I did only after he had pledged faithfully to see a priest the day he reached the city. He had a premonition of death, he said, and before I spoke of the signal honor God bestows on the baptized, had never realized that heaven was out of his reach. After his baptism, I have never seen such a remarkable change in a man. It was as if the Hand of God - which it had - touched his heart and soul. But for the greater part, my apostolate is in the realm of prayer for all men, in my Chaplet of Mercy, the Rosary, the Little Office of Our Lady and in my meditations.

I have never heard from Lou Rose and heave never received the book of photos. Perhaps a phone call from you might remind him.

I have the wildest urge, sometimes, Father, to leave my car parked in the yard of the oasis, walk down to the highway and thumb a ride to Huntsville, Utah. Sometimes it is almost impossible to stay in the world; I want to "walk with God and be seen no more by men" until it is all I can do to be tranquil, and know that this is God here in the oasis and that I have a work to do here. But at times the albatross around our necks is exterior goods--and a decisive break, a sluffing off of all things--is the only way for some. But I remain usually docile and pray personal prayers for relatives, friends and all men, knowing by past events that out of desert silence prayers mount quickly to heaven. Now may I say that you have been remembered here each day, and St. Anthony Claret has been called upon often every day to enlighten, strengthen and bless. I know you are busy, dear Father, but when you have time, please drop me a note. Love in Christ from your spiritual son,

Paul.

July 31, 1950.

My dear spiritual daughter:

My congratulations for your continued success! I feel very happy about your work. Tell me soon how everything is going with your convent, whether you received the money to purchase it and if any new prospects applied.

Maybe by this time you have contacted Angie Fuller. She is going to be a valuable help to you, maybe even more than any of those on whom you counted. She is very sincere, very devout, capable business-woman, humble, unassuming--simply, you like her. She will explain to you her situation. There will not be any trouble in it. Just you write a letter to the Chancery Office in San Diego for her entrance. But I believe she should go there at once to help you and then, when you find out by yourself how good she is and she finds also the life there convenient for her, then I instructed her how to go about the admission. She has a paper explaining it.

Continue praying for me and pray so that our superiors decide soon upon a place for our future novitiate.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary to whom the month of August is consecrated be your light and sweetness during August.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Miss Mary Walsh,
P.O. Box 363,
Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

July 31, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary:

This is a short note to thank you for your letter for my birthday and to let you know how much I appreciate your prayers.

Storm heaven now so that we will be spared from another war.

Promising you my continuance in my poor prayers for all your intentions.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary of the Passion,
St. Mary-of-the-Wasatch,
Salt Lake 5, Utah.

July 31, 1950.

Dear Mother Elizabeth:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter. I remembered you very much for your Feast Day and I wanted to write you a letter then. Rev. Father Superior thinks that I should stay with the novices all the time, particularly at the beginning of our novitiate; so he does not think it is expedient for me to give you a conference some time in August, as you requested me to.

I hope that your health has improved. Do your best to be always as happy as you can, radiating this happiness to everyone in your community.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary during her month of August shower her graces upon you and your community and upon countless souls through your convent.

Commending once more our novices to your prayers,

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mother Mary Elizabeth, D.C.,
Carmel of St. Joseph,
3361 E. Ocean Blvd.,
Long Beach 3, Calif.

"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS"
Words taken from the 115 Psalm

My Dear Friends:

The death of one who has been near and dear to us naturally fills our hearts with grief for it means that a separation has come about -- that there is a vacant chair in the family circle that can never again be filled on this earth, and it leaves a great void in our hearts, and our only comfort at such a time as this is derived from the teachings of our Holy Faith, which tell us in the first place that the soul of the Departed -- the nobler part of her -- is not dead, but truly lives on in another life, in a world which for those who have loved and served God on earth, is far grander and more beautiful than anything we can conceive of here on earth. Indeed, all the beauty that we see about us in the world is but a faint conception of the beauty that is found in God in that Heavenly Kingdom. So true is this that St. Paul, who was granted a vision of that Heavenly country before his own death, could find no words in which to describe the glories of what he had seen, and he could only stammer like a little child, that "no eye hath seen, no ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the mind of man what God hath prepared for those who love Him."

So we take comfort from the realization that our Dear Ones are not dead, but they do live on in another life!

Then there is that other consoling doctrine of our Holy Faith which tells us that we can help our dear Departed Ones in case they need our help. We can do this by our prayers, our Holy Communions, our Holy Masses, and the Indulgences that we can gain by our other good works, that we can offer up for them.

I think we feel when we have lost some Dear One through death, that we would gladly extend a helping hand to them, to do something for them, and God in His Infinite Mercy has made that possible, so that we should be mindful of our dear Departed Ones, to speed their entrance into Heaven if there has been for any reason a delay.

Many there are goday who are drifting through life without any idea of its purpose! They don't know what the purpose of their existence is! They know that they must die, but they have very little idea of what awaits them beyond the grave. They have very little idea, if they believe in God, of what God expects of them during their sojourn here on earth. Yet Our Lord has made it all very simple, when He declared that the thing that God expects of us is that we love God with our whole heart, with our whole soul, and with all our strength, and that next we must love our neighbor as ourself. On these two Commandments depends the whole Law -- so these Commandments of love should be the guide posts of our existence here on earth, so that every day we should love God better, so that realizing His Supreme Goodness, we may seek to love Him ever more and more. We can manifest this love of God specially through the performance of our daily duties, our daily prayers, the faithful fulfillment of Our Lord's Day on Sunday, the frequent reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion. These are some of the practical means by which we can prove our love of God and increase it in our hearts.

Next to the love of God, there is the love of our fellow-man! We must place no limits to our love. We must exclude no one from it, regardless of his race, creed or color. Our love must be all-embracing, seeing in everyone one who has been Redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. We can do this by kindness to everyone, beginning with our family circle, and beyond that, as far as our state of life permits -- and be always ready with a helping hand to help others cross the rough spots of life. In doing these things, by manifesting our love of God and our neighbor, we will have treasures in Heaven, for every good thought and deed is another treasure which we pile up for ourselves, and which will be waiting for us on the Day of Judgment! You remember that Our Lord told His followers not to lay up treasures that the moths can consume, but He said: "Lay up treasures for yourselves in Heaven, and one day when we, too, are called out of this mortal life to give an account of our stewardship, those treasures will be waiting for us on the threshold of Heaven."

Today we are laying to rest One who gave you outstanding proof of her Love of God. Christ and His Blessed Mother she considered as very near and dear to her, not as merely historical personages who lived two thousand years ago, but as Living Personalities with Whom she was closely associated ~~xx~~ every day, and she was tireless in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to Our Lady, especially under the title of Our Lady of the Scapular and Our Lady of Fatima. And because she recognized in the Little Flower a kindred Soul in that close association of Jesus and Mary, she never tired of making St. Theresa better known and loved. We might say that she was truly an Apostle, and she made her apostleship felt, not only here in Ohio, but also in Louisiana, where she promoted the Little Flower Circles in New Orleans, and also in California, where she did not spare herself in bringing the message of Fatima to great numbers of the faithful.

Here at home, she had found in Rhoda Wise an ardent soul of the Sacred Heart, and an ardent follower of the Little Flower, and it brought the two of them together in an ardent friendship, which I believe will endure in Heaven for all eternity.

I know that the Departed whom we are laying to rest this morning, was a most loving Wife and ~~xx~~ a wonderful Mother, whose great ambition it was to rear her children in the fear and love of God. She has left her family a rich legacy of memories.

If it should seem to the surviving members of her family that she was prematurely taken, let them remember that the great St. Francis of Assisi died at the age of 44, St. Catherine of Sienna at 33, and the Little Flower at the age of 24. In the designs of God, great good can be accomplished in a short ~~xxxx~~ space of time, and no doubt her mission on earth was completed. Hers was a truly a life redolent of the odor of sanctity. Let us all take from it renewed courage and inspiration to follow Godliness and other-worldliness in the midst of our pagan surroundings. Do this in our own lives, and then communicate it to others by our word and example, and thus may her beneficent influence in the world live on through us.

This morning the Mass was offered for the repose of her soul. Let us continue to renew our prayers with the Holy Sacrifice so that nothing may bar her entrance into Heaven. Let us so love that when we, too, are called to die, we may be prepared, and let us look forward to a happy reunion with our loved Ones in Heaven.

There is much comfort in that beautiful verse from Psalm 115, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."

Excerpt from a letter from Los Angeles.

~~XXXX~~ Evelyn Dearest:

We have another intercessor in Heaven since our Precious Marcella left us. Fr. Alysius, C.M.F., felt very privileged to pray with this chosen soul in her last hours.

The mortician who received Marcella's remains, said that the mortuary was filled with the perfume of roses when her ~~may~~ body entered. There were NO roses there.

I remember with such joy my last holy visitation with your dearly loved friend, and I thank you with all my heart and soul for the dear gift of her friendship.

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Will send you copies of the "Tidings", our official Diocesan Organ. It carries a nice account of Marcella's work in this southland. She was a beautiful Fatima Apostle.

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audience with the
Holy Father. She was
going to see Father Pio,
then to Jerusalem also
to the Crypt of St. Peter's.

Father may I ask you
to remember my poor
Mother in your prayers as
she is troubled with severe
pains in her head.

May God bless you,
is the prayer of yours
in the Sacred Heart.

Sister Mary Eunice

J. M. J.

St. John's Hospital
Santa Monica
Calif.

Reverend Father Aloysius:

Dear Father:

Enclosed
please find two Mass
stipends, one Mass for
the repose of my brother
Arthur and the other
Mass for the Holy

Souls in Purgatory.

I was very sorry I didn't see you Friday when you came to see Mr. Quinn. That evening when I went to visit him, he told me you had been to see him and how much you had done for his soul. He is a very holy man. This evening he isn't so well.

There is a sick priest in the hospital I would liked to have you seen while you were here. It evidently was God's Will that you didn't see him. He is improving slowly.

We had a card from June, telling us she had an

Dear Christi

My Father in Christ,

A thousand thanks for your letter of July 31st. I agree with you, it was short, but it was most invigorating - like a cold shower. And that is not a complaint because I like cold showers, spiritual or otherwise.

I acknowledge my cowardice in not speaking as openly as I should have with Rev. Mother, and today I told her every thing (after many prayers to our Lady). I also told her what I was unable to tell you in my last letter, and which, judging from your reference you thought pertained to the little difficulties of community life. No, Father, those latter ruffle only the surface and I'm happy to have even them to offer to our Lord.

That I meant was the periods of painful contemplation, which Rev. Mother

assured me pertained to the night of the
spirit. I had tried at times to fight it
by turning my thoughts to prayer for the
Church and those suffering persecution.
The efforts left me physically weak and
did not help. Rev. Mother told me to
simply abandon myself to the action of
God which shows me all my weakness.
God is Truth, and I see myself as sin
and a lie. The periods of pain vary
in length as did those of sweet recollec-
tion and hunger for God. But I am
happy, Father, and regret it if I have
sounded too weak-begone. Our Lady
always gives me what I need at the
moment, and if at times former
graces appear as illusions, she gives
me the needed hope to "hang on".
Whether or not they will be given
again, I abandon to her. And when
I look at our Crucified Lord I see
well that I do not suffer and I would
be very happy if I were granted that

Meanwhile I will trust in His love
and expect from Reverend Mother the
expression of His Will for me.

The Book, The Cloud of Unknowing
provides reading matter for the present,
also The Way of Divine Love, - both very
good.

You are ever in my prayers Father,
and I hope to hear from you in
the not too distant future, d.v.

Please bless your unworthy
child in the Month of May,
A. Mission of Jesus &c.

grace.

I hope I have not taken too much of
your time to read this, and may our
Lord reward your patience with me.

You know you have my prayers.

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